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SUBJECT: EXCHANGES: EDUCATIONAL SPECIALIST GEHORGHE BURLOI

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1. DESPITE EARLY DEPARTURE, DR. BURLOI HAD CONCENTRATED AND EFFECTIVE PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM IN AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY WHICH MET HIS OBJECTIVES FOR VISIT.

2. IN WASHINGTON, BURLOI HAD NUMEROUS MEETINGS AT OFFICE OF EDUCATION AND USDA, AND SPENT ONE DAY TOURING AGRICULTURE RESEARCH CENTER AT BELTSVILLE. AFTER LEAVING CAPITAL, BURLOI VISITED AGRICULTURAL CAMPUSES AT IOWA STATE, NEBRASKA, KANSAS STATE, AND COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY AT FT. COLLINS. IN ADDITION, BURLOI WAS WARMLY RECEIVED IN SEVERAL AMERICAN HOMES AND HAD OPPORTUNITY FOR INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH AMERICAN STUDENTS.

3. SAN FRANCISCO PROVIDED A GOOD CHANGE OF PACE WITH SIGHT-SEEING AND MORE HOME HOSPITALITY. THERE WERE SIDE TRIPS TO UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT DAVIS AND INSTITUTE OF FOREST GENETICS AT PLACERVILLE, CALIFORNIA. THIS WAS UNCLASSIFIED

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FOLLOWED BY MORE EXPOSURE TO FORESTRY AT OREGON STATE

UNIVERSITY IN CORVALLIS WHERE BURLOI RECEIVED WORD ABOUT THE NEED FOR HIS EARLY DEPARTURE.

4. AS A RESULT, VISIT TO WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY, AND SIGHT-SEEING AT GRAND CANYON; ORLANDO, FLORIDA, AND NIAGARA FALLS HAD TO BE DELETED.

5. FINAL STOP IN NEW YORK WAS SPENT SIGHT-SEEING AND SHOPPING. IN SUM, EARLY DEPARTURE HAD LITTLE EFFECT ON PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM, BUT DID PREVENT BURLOI FROM SEEING AREAS OUTSIDE HIS PRIMARY INTERESTS IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION.

6. COMMENT: DR. BURLOI HAD SOME DIFFICULTY IN UNDERSTANDING ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM. UNFORTUNATELY, HIS MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON APPARENTLY DID LITTLE TO CLARIFY HIS MISCONCEPTIONS AS HE TRIED TO COMPARE OUR SYSTEM TO THAT OF ROMANIA. FOR FUTURE EDUCATIONAL SPECIALISTS, EMBASSY MAY WANT TO BRIEF GRANTEES, IN GENERAL TERMS, ON U.S. SYSTEM AS SEEN FROM EYES OF EMBOFFS WHO ARE ALSO FAMILIAR WITH THE ROMANIAN MODEL. KISSINGER

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